

## THE JEWISH CONGRESS.

Let us at the outset express our gratification at the step taken at the Jewish Congress in Philadelphia last week, when this great and important organization placed itself upon what we hope will be a permanent basis for all time. There is need for such an institution as the American Jewish Congress in the life of our communities in this great republic. We have in the past ventured to point out the main reasons for this, our belief, and regard this as an opportune moment to repeat what is to us the chief factor sustaining our contention. The Congress is representative of all shades and directions of American Jewish thought, and is recruited upon a thoroughly democratic basis and principle. This is the reason which in our opinion demanded the permanent continuance of the organization.

At Philadelphia, if the reports of the industrious pressmen may be accepted, stirring scenes attended the holding of the Congress session. Such concomitants are inevitable in the conduct of a democratic organization. But underlying the outbursts, we fancy we discover a deeper-seated cause. The Congress delegation at Paris was wise in its day and hour. The point of view of 1919, when these delegates were in Paris, is not that of 1920. The world has changed, and with it the Jewish world. These considerations should have, of course, weighed with the persons assembled at Philadelphia last week. That they did not is regrettable—ascrivable to the workings of imperfect human nature, but sufficiently explanatory of the pent up feelings and expressinos which there sought and found a vent.

Now that congress has concluded its work in respect of the temporary emergency which called forth its existence, we trust the organization will steadily and expertly devote itself to the great tasks confronting all Jewry with singleness of aim. Of the need of this transcendent service we have already spoken by and large. The future will demonstrate whether the organization possesses the qualities required for the solution of the problems which press upon it. We think the Congress has the force at its command to absolve itself brilliantly of its mission and duty. So we wish it "Godspeed" on the task which, under the capable leadership of Nathan Straus, it has set itself to accomplish.—The Hebrew Standard.

## WORLD ZIONIST CONFERENCE.

One feature of the World Zionist

Conference will be the convening in conjunction with it of an International Women's Zionist Conference, which will be attended by leading American women Zionists and at which many of the activities carried on in this country are expected to be adopted on a world-wide basis.

Plans for the mobilization of the Jewish women of the world, to aid in the restoration of the Holy Land, will be prepared at the first International Conference of Jewish Women ever held which will take place in London in connection with the World Zionist Congress, which convenes July Fourth.

Prominent American Zionist women, who will attend the conference, include Mrs. Louis D. Brandeis, wife of Supreme Court Justice Brandeis; their daughter, Elizabeth Brandeis, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Nathan Straus, Mrs. Mary Fels, Mrs. A. H. Fromenson, head of the Palestine Supplies' Department of the Zionist Organization, Mrs. Joshua Spreyregen, Mrs. Emil Weinheim, Mrs. Jacob de Haas, wife of the executive secretary of the Zionist Organization, Mrs. Ida Danziger, secretary of the American Zionists' women's branch, all of New York; and Mrs. Caroline Greenfield, of Atlanta, Ga.

Women Zionists throughout the United States are well organized and for years have been carrying on constructive work in Palestine. Their principal accomplishments are the American Zionist Medical Unit, which has done monumental work in fighting disease in the Holy Land; the Palestine Supplies' Department, which supplies almost 5,000 war orphans and

babies with clothes; and the Nurses' Training School, which has a three-year course for Palestinian girls, whose first class will be graduated next year.

The principal features of the conference will be the adoption of the American Women Zionists' program on a world-wide scale, to enlist every available Jewish woman in the speedy upbuilding of Palestine, now that it is definitely assured as the Jewish National Homeland through the mandate granted Great Britain by the Supreme Council. One of the most interesting features of the women's work in this country is the Palestine Supplies Department, where under the direction of Mrs. Fromenson, 5000 women throughout the country, organized into sewing groups, are busy turning out every-

thing to clothe these orphans from cap to stockings. The department maintains a small factory in New York, which cuts out all materials, the women sewing only those articles sent to them, which are needed at the time in Palestine. The American Zionist Medical Unit, maintained by the women's branch is composed of American physicians and nurses and has established hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

Women Zionists are also raising a scholarship fund throughout the country by which graduates of their nurses' school in Palestine will be sent for a year's post-graduate study in the principal hospitals and institutions of this country.

All these features of Zionists women's work in this country will be dis-

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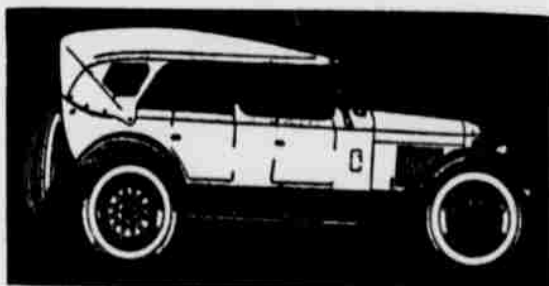
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